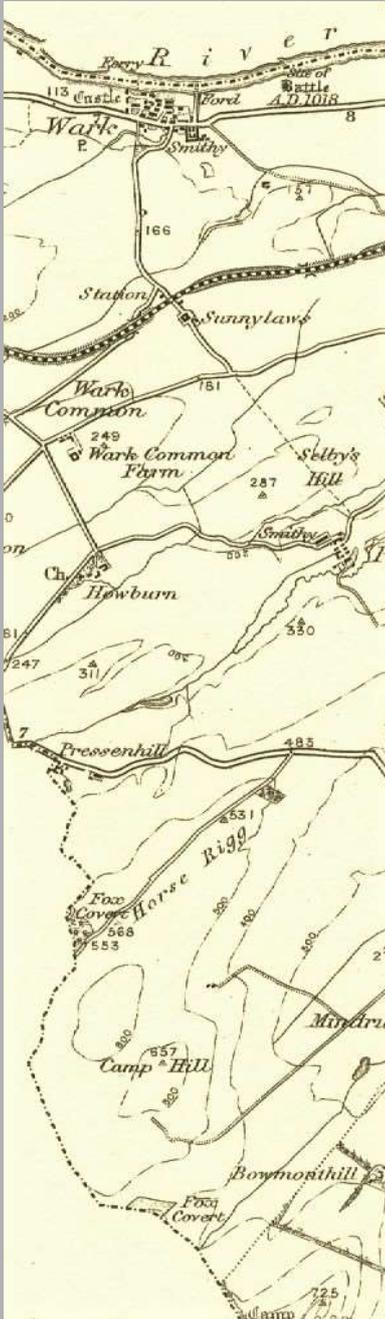


Carham Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the May 2021 issue of this newsletter. Since the last issue, local elections have been held and your parish councillors were all re-elected unopposed. You will find them listed overleaf. The parish's Annual Assembly took place this month, too – see below. The oldest of the Parish Council's minute books, containing meetings records from 1921 to 1984, is now on the website. There is more about this in this newsletter together with some items of more general interest, including an event that, Covid-19 permitting, will be happening in the parish later this year. In the meantime, we hope that, with the easing of restrictions, life for everyone in the parish is beginning to return to something more like normal.

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Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly was held on 18 May at St Cuthbert's Church, **Carham**. The meeting reviewed the Parish Council's internal audit, its finances and its governance. These documents can be found on the parish website, www.carhamparish.org. Choose *Parish Council* from the top menu and click on *Standards*. Draft minutes of the Annual Assembly are on the *Meetings* page. Alternatively contact the Parish Clerk for copies of any of these documents.

Superfast Broadband

We are hopeful that a fast broadband solution is in the offing for farms and other communities in Carham parish that are not able to access existing services. The iNorthumberland programme, managed by Northumberland County Council, has identified a potential supplier, Borderlink Ltd, which delivers superfast and gigabit broadband via its own radio and fibre network. If you are one of those who are still unable to get a fast broadband service, please contact the Parish Clerk so that we can include you in any updates.

Traffic on the B6350

Speeding traffic and heavy lorries on the B6350 continue to plague those who live by this road. Parish Councillor John McGregor is in contact with Northumberland County Council to see if a solution can be found and our newly-elected County Councillor, Mark Mather, is aware of residents' concerns.

Parish Council Records

The Parish Council's minute book covering the years 1921 to 1984 is now available on our website www.carhamparish.org. Choose *Parish Council* from the top menu and then click on *Parish Council Records*. The information is arranged by decade, with a summary of each ten-year period describing what the Parish Council was concerned with at that time. Links to the minutes themselves can be found at the end of each summary.

Valuable Landscapes

The Northumberland & Newcastle Society is asking parish councils for their views on whether the landscape around Northumberland National Park should be afforded more protection by designating it as an Area of High Landscape Value. Details are on www.nandnsociety.org.uk/areas-high-landscape-value If you have a view on this, please contact the Parish Clerk.



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Gardens to Enjoy

- ❖ The garden at **Mindrum** will be open under the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 20 June from 2-5 pm. Pre booking is essential, via www.ngs.org.uk. Nearby Kirky Cottage is opening on Saturday 3 July from 11 am to 5 pm under the NGS and on 4 July for the Red Cross.
- ❖ **Wark** will be worth seeing this year, as residents are working hard to enhance the village by filling tubs and planters with seasonal flowers and tidying up front gardens. Contact Lynda Allan on 07910 208 159.

Community Transport

The Royal Voluntary Service's community transport service is available to those aged over 50 who need support to enable them to remain independent and connected. Volunteer drivers can take them shopping or to a lunch club, to attend medical and personal care appointments, and to visit family and friends. Because the drivers are volunteers, clients are asked to cover fuel and running costs. The service is based at the Cheviot Centre in Wooler, tel. 01668 260 248.

- ❖ If you are interested in becoming a Royal Voluntary Service volunteer, there is information on its website www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

British National Ploughing Championships

The 70th British National Ploughing Championships and Country Festival takes place at **Mindrum Mill** on 9 and 10 October 2021. Around 250 champion ploughmen and women from all over Britain are expected to compete. As well as the competitions, there will be an agricultural trade stand area, shopping stalls, vintage tractors and machinery displays, and country crafts.

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Lynda Allan
John Court
Pat Feerick (chairman)
John McGregor
Victoria Poland

Carham Parish Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government. It is responsible for representing the interests of the whole community. Among other things, it is concerned with community safety, street lighting, common land, play areas, litter, tourism, traffic calming, seats and shelters, rights of way, and some aspects of planning and highways.

The Parish Council meets six times a year. Meetings are in alternate months beginning in May, on the second Tuesday of the month, in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm. Anyone living or working in the parish can attend a meeting.

For the minutes of Carham Parish Council meetings, go to www.carhamparish.org